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Four Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

1. *Marriage. Elimination of Domestic Partnership Rights. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*
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SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that the proponents of four new initiatives may begin collecting petition signatures for their measures. All four measures relate to the elimination of domestic partnership rights and require 598,105 signatures by May 12, 2006. The proponents for all four measures are Larry Bowler, Ed Hernandez and Randy Thomasson. They can be reached at 916-265-5643.

The Attorney General's official titles and summaries are as follow:

MARRIAGE. ELIMINATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP RIGHTS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Amends the California Constitution to provide that only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or recognized in California, whether contracted in this state or elsewhere. Voids or makes unenforceable certain rights and obligations conferred by California law on same-sex and heterosexual couples registered as domestic partners, concerning subject areas including, but not limited to, community property, intestate succession, stepparent adoption, child custody, child support, hospital visitation, health care decisions for an incapacitated partner, insurance benefits, death benefits, and recovery for wrongful death.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown, but potentially some savings for state and local governments. The impact would depend in large part on future court interpretations.

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1172 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0115.

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The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1173 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0116.

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The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1174 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0117.

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The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1175 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0118.

For the complete titles, summaries and circulation calendars of each measure, please call the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.